

**Table 21 B. Help Expected When in Need by Economic Characteristics: Households with Expectation of Help If Needed, Expect Help from Friends, Expect Help from Family, and Expect Help from Others: 1998**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	Total Households	Expect any help if needed	Expect help from friends	Expect help from family	Expect help from others
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
All households					
Total	102,652	86.5	31.4	43.8	16.7
Household income quintile					
Lowest quintile	20,520	84.6	29.0	45.8	18.4
2nd quintile	20,527	85.7	31.3	44.2	17.3
3rd quintile	20,538	87.2	32.1	43.9	16.3
4th quintile	20,530	87.1	31.4	42.7	15.7
Highest quintile	20,533	88.0	32.9	42.3	15.7
Household poverty					
Income below poverty	12,648	82.0	26.3	41.3	16.1
Income above poverty	90,003	87.1	32.1	44.1	16.8
Education of householder					
Not high school graduate	17,744	83.8	28.5	46.7	18.5
High school graduate	31,111	87.5	31.6	47.2	16.9
Some college	29,009	86.0	31.3	42.2	16.1
Bachelors or higher	24,788	87.9	33.1	39.3	15.8
Occupation of householder					
Executive	10,912	86.5	34.7	42.3	15.4
Professional	11,394	88.3	32.0	37.4	16.0
Technical	2,321	85.9	30.2	41.4	12.3
Sales	7,956	87.3	31.6	41.7	14.9
Administrative support	9,301	88.9	31.0	43.9	13.6
Service	8,352	84.5	27.8	39.0	12.7
Farm	1,899	86.0	36.8	47.5	21.3
Craft	8,663	86.8	31.1	43.2	14.7
Labor	10,261	84.2	28.3	43.2	15.4
Region					
Northeast	19,808	86.6	29.8	44.3	14.8
Midwest	25,144	87.3	28.9	43.8	14.8
South	36,086	86.5	34.1	46.0	21.4
West	21,614	85.6	31.0	39.5	12.7
Metropolitan status					
Central City	13,104	84.6	29.6	39.5	12.7
Metropolitan, outside central city	72,974	86.7	30.9	43.9	16.1
Non-metropolitan	16,573	87.1	34.6	46.8	22.4

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